

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON	Oakla	R. Lowe	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Fiery Cross	Soutar	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY	Burton Statham	Gurpin	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
ALBANY, PANAMA	Ward	Stannard	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Honala Sprague	S. K. Small	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Marmion	Boyd	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Asquith	Sawter	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Asquith	Cutter	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Lord of the Isles (str.)	J. Dowdie	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagadorn & Co.	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
Do	Alaska (str.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, & CALCUTTA	Tranaroon (str.)	Champanis	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	On 30th inst., at noon.
ALBANY	Columbian (str.)	Stead	Hongkong	Alb. You.	On 29th inst.
COLLO	Kata Water	W. Dow	Hongkong	Benedict & Co.	Quick despatch.
KOKOHAMA	Bombay (str.)	Yanga (str.)	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick despatch.
HANGHAI	Zam best (str.)	Neator (str.)	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 8 A.M.
Do	Nestor (str.)	Avia (str.)	Hongkong	Batfield & Swire.	Quick despatch.
Do	Japan (str.)	Flourman	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	On or about 18th inst.
DOOHOW	Checia (str.)	Bye Smith	Hongkong	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
SWATOW, ANJO & FOOHOW	Douglas (str.)	Burnton	Hongkong	Gilman & Co.	To-day, at noon.
Do	Yesso (str.)	Ashton	Hongkong	Douglas Lapsack & Co.	Quick despatch.
				Douglas Lapsack & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.

For Sale.

SAYLE & CO.
HAVE just landed, ex S.S. *Glasgow*,
French Mail, *Cawdor Castle*, and other
arrivals, a Large and Choice Assortment of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS
as follows—
FANCY BLENDED AND LIGHT
WEEDS for SUITS, made especially for the
Climate.
WHITE AND FANCY DUCKS and DRILLS.
The above Goods are made up to order under
the careful supervision of a West End Cutter.
PAJAMA SUITS, in FANCY FLANNEL,
WILLI, and LINEN; various patterns.
Gentlemen's LONG SLOTH SHIRTS, Military
Fronts.
Gentlemen's DRESS SHIRTS, Embroidered
Fronts.
Gentlemen's REGATTA SHIRTS, with Col-
ours attached.
Gentlemen's OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE
WELL SHIRTS, with Colours.
FELT HATS (Christy's make) of the latest
styles.
WHITE, SPECKLED, and PANAMA
STRAW HATS.
GOLDS, in all the newest shapes.
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Colours, and BLACK SILK, COTTON, and
MERINO HALF-HOSE, Stiped and White,
UNDERSHIRT and PANTS, in Silk, Gau
and Linen, and other makes.
HANDKERCHIEFS, Fine Cambric, Plain
and Colored Borders.
SILK UMBRELLAS, with Plain and Fanc
Sticks.
HATS and SHOES of Dawson's well-known
make, best quality.
SOLAR PITH HATS and HELMET
direct from Calcutta.
Bilood of Patent Regulation HELMETS,
in all the latest Styles of Solid and Email To
Lath, in different sizes; also, the GLADSTONE
TRAVELLING BAGS, and SOILED LINEN
BAGS, necessities on a voyage.
DRESS TRUNKS, for Ladies.
SETS OF SUITS, BOUTAIRES and
LINES, in Gold and Ivory.
PERFUMERY, TOOTH POWDER,
SOAPS, POMADES, and other REQUISITES
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GENERAL DRAPERS, SILK MEASURES,
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647] **FOR SALE,**
CLAYTIE CHEROOTS. Apply to
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at 589 Hongkong, 5th May, 1874.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT
OF
OLD PORT
Best English Pale SHERRY.
Superior Irish WHISKY, since years old.
Finest London Cordial OLD TOM GIN.
at 701 Hongkong, 6th May, 1874.

CHEEROOTS, CIGARS.

Campbell's Plantation Brand CIGARS.
Campbell's Double Band CHEROOTS.
Campbell's Trichinopoly Brand CHEROOTS.
Tessie—Cash.
Apply to
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Plantations Works,
Dindigul,
Madras Presidency.

730] **FOR SALE.**

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for Sale viz.—**PEKING CURIOS,**
TELEVISION GLOW GLASS, and **BEING**
CHEEROOTS TAILS. Apply to
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NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that the
Under-**god** Shop has been established
for many years, solely dealing in FINE TEA,
which is carefully fired, and selected by ex-
perienced men in our employ, from the same

~~Vessels on the Berth~~

FOR FOONGHOW. Direct.
THE British Steamer
"CHEOPS."
 Stephen Jurnan, R.N.R. Commander, will
 be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY,
 18th instant, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 GILMAN & Co.
 44 752 Hongkong, 15th May, 1874.
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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
THE Company's Steamship
"VOLGA."
 Captain Flambeau, will be despatched for
 YOKOHAMA
 TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 9 A.M.
 C. BRETHAND,
 755 Hongkong, 18th May, 1874.
 Principal Agt.
NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS
THE Company's Steamship
"AVA."
 Captain Florida, will be despatched for
 SHANGHAI
 TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at noon.
 C. BRETHAND,
 755 Hongkong, 18th May, 1874.
 Principal Agt.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI
and YOKO.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"ZAMBESI."
 will leave for the above place about 24 h
 after her arrival with the next English Mail.
 A. McIVER,
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, 15th May, 1874. [74]
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"BOMBAY."
 will leave for the above place shortly after
 arrival of the next English Mail.
 A. McIVER,
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, 15th May, 1874. [74]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI.
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for HANKOW, SHANGHAI, and PORTS IN
JAPAN.
THE Company's Steamship
"NESTOR."
 will be despatched on or about the 18th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 74 745 Hongkong, 15th May, 1874. Ag
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE British Steamship
"LORD OF THE ISLES."
 Captain Joseph Smith will leave here for
 above Port, and will be despatched on THU-
 RSDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M.
 The Steamer has superior accommodation
 First-class Passengers.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.
 104 788 Hongkong, 12th May, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 American Ship
"NIGHTINGALE."
 Cutter, Master, will have immediate des-
 patch above.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.
 & 748 Hongkong, 14th May, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 American Barque
"MARMION."
 Captain Boyd, will load here for the above
 and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 740 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE S/S L. 11 Peruvian Clipper Ship
"AUGUSTINA."
 (late *William Ross*), Captain Barrier, will
 leave for the above Port, and will have a
 despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 741 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.
FOR NEW YORK.
THE NEW A 1 British Barkentine
"FIERY CROSS."
 Captain Conter, will load here and at W
 pos., and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 659 Hongkong, 9th May, 1874.
FOR LONDON.
THE 17 years A 1 British Bark
"OSAKA."
 Captain R. Lowe, will load here and at W
 pos., and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 700 Hongkong, 6th May, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 American Barque
"ROBERT SPRAGUE."
 Captain S. K. Small, will load here for
 above Port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 668 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 American Barque
"WINDWARD."
 Capt. Stannard, will load here for the
 port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL, HAGEDORN &
 & 591 Hongkong, 29th April, 1874.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
(To follow the American Ship "Malay."
THE A 1 Clipper Ship
"ORACLE."
 Equipped, Master, will have early despatch
 above.
 For Freight, apply to
 RUSSELL &
 & 575 Hongkong, 16th April, 1874.

Vessels on the Berth.

STEAM YACHT
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, GENOVA, MILAN,
TRIESTE, PISA, PORTOFINO, GENOVA,
SOUTHAMPTON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.
THE EASTERN AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"TRAVANCOOR" Captain O. ANDERSSON
with Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie
and Cargo will leave for the above place
on SATURDAY, the 30th May, at noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 10 p.m.
Specie and Parcels at the office until 2 p.m. the
same day.
For Particulars regarding Freight and Pas-
sage, apply at the F. & O. S. N. CO.'S OFFICE
HONGKONG. COUNTERS - AND VALUE OF
PACKAGES - WILL BE SHOWN TO THE
CUSTOMERS. A Written Declaration of the Contents
and Value of the Packages for the Over-
board is required by the Egyptian Government
and must be delivered to the Consulate at
Suez. The Company's Agents, with the Bill of Lading
with Parcels; and the Company do not
themselves responsible for any Detention
or Prejudice which may happen from the In-
correctness of such Bills of Lading.
The Company reserve the option of forwarding

Post-Office Notifications

A mail will close:

For Foochow, For Chequa, to-day, the instant at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama, For French Mail Packet, to-morrow, the 19th inst, at 7.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, For French Mail Packet, to-morrow, the 19th inst, at 11 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow, to-morrow, the 19th inst, at 11.30 P.M.

For Malacca and Sydney, For P. S. Steamer, To-morrow, the 19th inst, at 11.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet "THE CORE" will be dispatched with the Mails for Rangoon, etc., on SATURDAY, 23rd instant, at noon.

Mutual Orders on any of the Money Offices in the United Kingdom will be good until 5 p.m. on the 22nd instant.

The Post-Office will be open until 6 p.m. on the 22nd instant.

Letters, etc., may be posted during the day to the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received 10 A.M. on the 23rd instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 23rd instant, without late fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the instant, will not be forwarded unless on the Fee of 18 cents each as well as the post preparation.

The latest time for posting Letters to India is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, and Magazines, 10 A.M. on the instant.

Mutual Orders on Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, for papers, may be posted on board the ship from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, in payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1874.

MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES" PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "ALASKA" will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, 14th inst, at 3 P.M., with the Mails—
For Yokohama, San Francisco, the States and the United Kingdom.

Mutual Orders will be open for the receipt of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers until 2.30 P.M.

Letters can be posted on board the ship from 2.30 P.M. to 5 p.m., on the instant.

The Post-Office will be open to the Public to above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid forwarded by the English Packet, will be sent by the United Kingdom route.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama the United States must be superscribed "ALASKA," and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via San Francisco."

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1874.

It is hereby notified that henceforth on Letters addressed to Russia, when mailed to be forwarded by the English Packet, will be 3 p.m. half-ounce, prepayment optional.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 18th September, 1872.

It is hereby notified that henceforth on postage on letters addressed to Russia, when mailed to be forwarded by the English Packet, will be 3 p.m. half-ounce, prepayment optional.

Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

It is hereby notified that henceforth on postage on letters addressed to Denmark, when mailed to be forwarded by the English Packet, will be 3 p.m. half-ounce, prepayment optional.

Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) has given notice to the General Post Office that articles of Jewellery to be sent to the Colony are charged with Customs duties, and the undersigned considers it necessary to bring this Regulation known to the Public, so that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the English Packet, will be subject to the forfeiture.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1873.

It is hereby notified for general information that on and after the 1st August next, Commission chargeable on Money Orders issued upon the Yokohama and Shanghai, and Yokohama will be as follows:

On sums not exceeding £2.....18 p.m.
Above £2 and not exceeding £25.....39 p.m.
Above £25 and not exceeding £50.....50 p.m.
Above £50 and not exceeding £100.....75 p.m.
Above £100.....100 p.m.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified that the rates of chargeable henceforth on Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, and to places by the United Kingdom, and to places by the United Kingdom, will be the same as those charged on Letters forwarded by British Packet to Japan.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 20th April, 1872.

Announcements having been made by the Government of London, that the rates of Private Ships will be for destination via Brindisi, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be advanced, on correspondence forwarded to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows, viz:—

For Letters.....24 cents per line
For Newspapers....." " each
For Books and Magazines....." " each
For Patterns....." " each
For every additional line....." " each

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1871.

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed to France may be sent either paid or unpaid, at the discretion of the sender; but the Post Office Prices Current, Newspapers and Books will be prepaid.

For extra postage on Letters addressed to France per French Packet is—

Per British Packet when marked via Brindisi.....20 cents
Per French Packet when marked via Alexandria and Marseilles....." "

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.

It is hereby notified that henceforth the rates of postage which must be paid on Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, will be as follows, viz:—

For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce in weight.....10 p.m.
For a packet above 1 ounce not exceeding 2 ounces.....20 p.m.
For a packet above 2 ounces not exceeding 4 ounces.....30 p.m.
For a packet above 4 ounces not exceeding 8 ounces.....40 p.m.
For a packet above 8 ounces not exceeding 16 ounces.....50 p.m.

These rates apply to Printed Circulars, Letters, Market Reports, and all printed matter, Newspapers, as well as to Trade Papers or Samples.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th April, 1870.

Extracts.

THE WHIPPY SHACK.

"So much to be, as ought to be,
Here's another man begin;
She said last Friday was a week,
And it is but a few days' run."
"I've left our June at home,
She'll not sleep nor bite, poor lass;
Just to her wedding clothes about,
And there, on the falling glass."

"The house were not last week you say;
And to try—alack, alack,
Young George has either got to mind,
Out there, on the falling glass."

"I have her, they say, here,
Or share them with another,
And go down yonder court and try,
To comfort Willie's mother."

"The poor old widow's soul,
Laid before her bed;
She prays for the touch of her dear son's hand,
The sound of his dear heart."

"She ought to be, her children were stout;
She would not mind the toughest tale,
Well could she stand the hours drag on,
It was but a few days' run."

"Gravely and sadly the sailor spoke,
Out on the great sea head,
Sudden a loud old female tramp,
From the misty group, and said,

"You'll find her lovers here,
And Anne has our fat in the grave,
We've lived together twenty years,
I and my poor old lover."

"I've a mind of whisky for him
And 'twice again he comes back,
He said he'd hide this winter ashore,
After the trip in the sun."

"We have neither duck nor child of us,
Our John were down'd last year;
There's nothing on earth, but Dave for me,
Why there's thought in the wind for me."

"He's been out in many a course sea,
I'll not be the first night;
We said, 'Our Father' before he went,
The sack will be to-night."

"And just as down in the westward
The light rose, pale and thin,
With her bladders and her fereal gide,
The sack came staggering in."

"With one more fine at her rubber,
And another beside her hand;
But George, and Willie, and staunch old Dave,
Why, ask the wine and the glass."

"Ask the sea that broke about her,
Just as she was going round;
Ask the wind that swept about her,
With dust in its own course."

"The master said, 'The sailor said,
'A few more the evening go;
And Jack heard, 'Jane, sing till through the rear,
And that'll be it, I know."

"I can't tell, Person says grief fits wrong,
And pining is wild and true;
But I'll be just how these two did,
Before the sack came in."

"Well, this morning the flag fly half-mast head,
In beautiful Whiffly Bay;
That'll be what shall know the roll is end,
On the last great Master-day."

"All the Year Round."

MOTHER AND BABE.

A babe is a mother's anchor. She cannot swing far from her moorings. And yet a true mother never lives so little to the present as when she is the mother of a babe. Her thoughts follow the imagined future of her child. That babe is the boldest of pilots, and his mother's thoughts are thrown through scenes of coming years. The old adage never made such voyage as the cradle daily makes—*Life's Thoughts*. By Henry Ward Beecher.

A HAPPY PEOPLE IN SNOW.

The Truckee, Republic of March 10th indulges in the following interesting and cool remarks:—As Truckee is blessed with more snow than any other town of its size in California, it may be of interest to the outside world to know how people endure so much luxury and cold comfort. To obtain an entrance to a private dwelling, you have to descend down a narrow incline through the snow to a perpendicular depth of from six to ten feet, and you reach the front door. You enter the sitting-room and find lamps burning. It is broad daylight on the outside, but without the lamps it would be darkness within, for the windows are all sealed up with solidly banked snow. The snow, but the buildings are not a barrier against which the snow drifts, and these drifts are increased by that which slides from the roof until in many instances, the caves of the latter are reached. Back of the business-houses and blocks on Front street the snow has accumulated in places to the depth of from twelve to twenty feet. When it is so deep, instead of open streets, tunnels are made through the mass, to afford access and ingress from the rear. Forces are no obstruction cannot be seen, and could only be found by deep prospecting. The telegraph poles and flag-staff poles (some ninety feet high) still keep above and bid defiance to the whirling, eddying, tempestuous drifts. The people of Truckee are proudly conscious that they have all the advantages that can be derived from their elevated position in the Sierra Nevada which insures them such a timely and abundant supply of snow. Their location is peerless, and it is no wonder that they are as happy and content as the humble Innkeepers on the coast of Greenland, Northern Iceland, or Nova Zembla. Good health and smiling appetites in Truckee are the rule. Beaulieu is plenty (in the stores).

SCOTTISH RELICS OF THE SPANISH ARMADA.

A correspondent of the *Improvement* writes:—A coin was sent me for identification a few days ago, the history of which strikes me as interesting. It is a silver Spanish dollar of the time of Philip II. It is much corroded and worn, but the following letters of the original inscription are distinctly legible:—Ph. II, D.G. Hisp. et Ind. Rex. 1555. On the reverse side is what seems to have been intended for the prow of a ship between two palm trees. The owner of this coin tells me that it came into his possession in the following manner:—A brother of his, who owned and commanded a coasting schooner about fifty years ago, changing to be becalmed while passing through the Sound of Mull, thought it best to come to anchor for the night. Next morning, when getting under weigh, the anchor, as it came to the bows, was found to have brought up a large mass of tangled rope, which, when they were cleared away, the edge of the coin was observed sticking out from among a lot of sand and shingle attached to the tangled rope, and having been secured and handed to the captain, he never after kept it in his purse as a "luck-penny," on which he set a high value, and all the more so, perhaps, that it was a relic of the Armada, which he had seen on Sunday—a fact that to him, as a good Catholic, had a significance and meaning that the rest of the crew took no account of. Be this as it may, he was from that day an exceedingly prosperous and lucky man in all his undertakings, and till the day of his death he carried the coin about him, wherever he went, as a "luck-penny" and talisman of extraordinary virtue. The present owner, too, acts a very high value on this numismatic talisman, which, he declares, hardly anything would induce him to part with. During the ten years that it has been in his possession, he assures me that he has been prosperous and successful as he never was before, with regular and steady gains, and although he is a Scotchman, he is now actually to assert that the coin has anything to do with it, it is a fact that he very seriously looks upon his St. Michael dollar as a sort of "Lee Penny," giving its possessor a fair chance of an amount of health and wealth that without it he might struggle for in vain. This nonsense apart, however, the coin is a relic of the Armada, which had a Spanish dollar in the bottom of the Sound of Mull, how came it there? My theory is that the coin originally belonged to some one connected with the great "Invincible Armada" of 1588. It is a well known historical fact that, after the defeat of the Armada, the already shattered and discomfited fleet, in attempting to return to Spain by sailing round Scotland, was overtaken by a dreadful storm, in which many of the ships were wrecked. One ship, named the *Florida*, and while at anchor off Tobermory harbour, was captured and destroyed by a body of Mull and Morvern men, under the command of Maclean of Duart. This fact is sufficiently attested by the fact that the *Florida* was the only ship of the Armada which was taken to the chief for his share in the somewhat questionable transaction, bearing date, the 20th March, 1589. The *Florida* was destroyed by being blown up, with all her armament and stores, and many of her crew—a treacherous and cruel act, for Scotland, at least, was then at peace with Spain—and it is probable that the Spanish dollar so recently examined, by me, was the bottom of the Sound of Mull, and there remained till fished up in the curious manner above related, upwards of two centuries afterwards. Some of the officers of the submerged *Florida* have from time to time been brought to the surface, and a caulked formed out of part of her windlass was presented by Sir Walter Scott to George IV. on his visit to Scotland in 1822. An unsuccessful attempt, by means of divers, was made in 1740 to recover some of a large amount of treasure said to have been sunk in the bay, but some very beautiful brass guns were brought up, one of which is still to be seen at the Castle of Dunstaffnage, near Oban, and another, I believe, at Largs. These were last made to speak loud and lustily their original owner to our shores, but in honor of the marriage of the daughter of a Scotch lord, who now owns the lands which belonged to the Macleans, by whom the *Florida*, carrying these very guns, was destroyed. This does not the whirling of the wind about its reverend. "Some years ago I was shown by a gentleman in Glasgow a large ebony-stocked pistol, beautifully carved, and inlaid with mother-of-pearl and silver, which was said to have been secured from the wreck of the *Florida*. I recollect that the corroded state of the barrel and lock immediately attracted my attention, that whether it belonged to the *Florida* or not, it had at all events long lain in water, and more probably, from the peculiar form of corrosion, in salt water, than fresh. As to the dollar, I have only further to state that its owner now thinks more of it than ever—my suggestion as to its probable connection with the Spanish Armada having been happily entered in his estimation. Its mere intrinsic value, as a bit of silver, would be fully appreciated as something like twenty pence sterling.

SUPPRESSION OF THE BRIGANDS.

Crimes could be perpetrated almost with impunity, for if the criminal did not see a chance of escape, he would always find shelter with the brigands, or the Barona. Every one who was in debt, or desperate, joined himself to the outlaws. When a noble broke the law, and incurred the displeasure of the Vatican, he took the field as the head of his dependents, recruited bands of free-companions, and waged an open war. If beaten and taken, he was sent to the scaffold; if he could make himself sufficiently formidable, he might command his own terms, and, all unpunished as he was, he could extort pardon and absolution from the Church. Thus Ludovico Orsini, after having figured for years as an outlaw, took service with Venice, and was sent as Venetian Governor of Corfu. In the time of Gregory XIII. a Spaniard, Piccolomini, Duke of Montepulciano, had been the real master of the Papal States everywhere without the gates of Rome. His own principality lay on the confines of Tuscany; it was protected by the Grand Duke as well as by his kinmen, the Orsini. His raids, conducted with marvellous silence, took the form of regular campaigns. On one occasion he had beaten an army of 5,000 Papal soldiers, and he menaced Gregory with entering Rome, and putting to death his son and daughter, Giacomo Buonaparte. By arrangements in which no less a personage than the Cardinal de Medici became the intermediary, Piccolomini had been permitted to withdraw into private life, but the bands were still, although their great leader had abandoned them. They swarmed in the Campagna, and Rome was practically in a state of blockade. Status seems to have been fortunate in the choice of his Generals. The brigands, when they offered battle to his troops, were everywhere routed with slaughter. The small towns gained courage from they saw the State was able to help them, and united their forces to those of the Pontiff. The bandits dispersed, and were driven across the frontiers, or threw themselves on the hospitality of protectors who had often saved them before. But the vengeance of Sixtus tracked them out in their retreats, and with spiritual and temporal measures, he insisted obstinately on their surrender or extradition. The Grand Duke of Tuscany made an effort to save Malatesta, a member of the great family of Rimini, and the successor to Piccolomini's terrible reputation. Malatesta was given up and sent to Rome to be tried at the Pontifical judgment-seat. From *Life and Times of Sixtus IV.*

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
11, 1088 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
11, 1088 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.
Capital—£2,000,000.
THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £1,000,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses, insured from Town, and their Contents, at 1 per cent. per annum.
Other Dwelling Houses, insured strictly as such, and their Contents, at 1 per cent. per annum.
Shops, &c., and their Contents, at 1 per cent. per annum.
SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.
Not exceeding ten days of the annual rate.
Above 10 days and not exceeding 1 month, at 1 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, at 2 per cent.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, at 2 1/2 per cent.
Above 6 months, at 3 per cent.
GILMAN & Co., Agents.
11, 1088 Hongkong, 8th May, 1874.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.
AFTER this date, a brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3) will be allowed by this Agency on risks to ports in CHINA, JAPAN, the PHILIPPINES, and the STRAITS.
On risks to all other ports, the brokerage will be ten per cent. (10 per cent.) only.
Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
11, 131 Hongkong, 21st January, 1874.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £400,000 on Buildings, or on goods stored therein.
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., Agents.
11, 717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20 per cent.) upon the current rates will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., Agents.
11, 717 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
11, 1088 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the Brokerage allowed by this Company on the Premium on RISKS to ports in CHINA, JAPAN, the PHILIPPINES, and the STRAITS, will be Ten per cent. (10 per cent.) only; and ALL OTHER INSURANCES a Brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.
OLYMPIAN & Co., General Agents.
11, 42 Hongkong, 30th January, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—For exceeding 10 days, of the annual rate, 10 per cent. 1 month, 10 do. 2 months, 10 do. 3 months, 10 do. 4 months, 10 do. 5 months, 10 do. 6 months, 10 do. 7 months, 10 do. 8 months, 10 do. 9 months, 10 do. 10 months, 10 do. 11 months, 10 do. 12 months, 10 do. 13 months, 10 do. 14 months, 10 do. 15 months, 10 do. 16 months, 10 do. 17 months, 10 do. 18 months, 10 do. 19 months, 10 do. 20 months, 10 do. 21 months, 10 do. 22 months, 10 do. 23 months, 10 do. 24 months, 10 do. 25 months, 10 do. 26 months, 10 do. 27 months, 10 do. 28 months, 10 do. 29 months, 10 do. 30 months, 10 do. 31 months, 10 do. 32 months, 10 do. 33 months, 10 do. 34 months, 10 do. 35 months, 10 do. 36 months, 10 do. 37 months, 10 do. 38 months, 10 do. 39 months, 10 do. 40 months, 10 do. 41 months, 10 do. 42 months, 10 do. 43 months, 10 do. 44 months, 10 do. 45 months, 10 do. 46 months, 10 do. 47 months, 10 do. 48 months, 10 do. 49 months, 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